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I write to give you my opinion on the Microsoft settlement. First, let me tell you that I don't have a horse in this race. I don't own any securities of Microsoft or any of its competitors, nor do I do business directly with Microsoft or its competitors. In short, I have no monetary relationship in any way with Microsoft or any of its competitors. What I do have, is seven years experience as an analyst and portfolio manager for one of the largest and most respected high yield bond asset management companies in the world.

As a patriot, and fierce defender of free markets and the American capitalist system, the entire Microsoft case sickened me from the outset. The genesis of this case was the vitriolic hatred the extreme left wing of the Democratic party has for successful U.S. companies. This was a political case brought by a politicized Justice Department. Now that the scoundrels that ruled the Clinton Justice Department have left their offices, the Bush Justice Department should allow justice to prevail by dropping the case entirely. While Microsoft may have used some aggressive business practices, they did nothing to flagrantly violate the US antitrust laws. Furthermore, U.S. businesses must be allowed a certain amount of leeway if they are to successfully compete in the global economy. Most intelligent professionals on Wall Street agree that even the settlement to which Microsoft agreed is unfair to Microsoft. Please do not punish Microsoft for being a successful American company, as the socialists would have you do.

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